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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MADAGASCAR

Development of the National Aeronautical and Meteorological School (MAG/77/002)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval :	February 1979
Starting date of project activities :	June 1978 (including preparatory assistance)
Planned completion date :	June 1982
To be executed by :	International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
Government implementing agency :	Ministry of Transportation, Food and Tourism
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval :	$ 831 100
Source of UNDP financing :	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The varied and highly uneven terrain that characterizes much of the island state of Madagascar has made the development and expansion of ground transportation routes and, therefore, the promotion of balanced and meaningful inland development difficult. The Government has therefore adopted the development and expansion of air transport as an alternative strategy for the movement of goods and persons and, ultimately, for accelerating the process of national socio-economic development. Since a majority of the qualified staff of Madagascar's civil aviation and related meteorological services are expatriates, a National Aeronautical and Meteorological School (ENEAM) has been established to train Malagache nationals with a view to ensuring ultimate autonomy from foreign assistance in these domains.

2. Through bilateral aid arrangements, the National Aeronautical and Meteorological School is receiving assistance from Canada in pilot training. Further assistance has been requested from UNDP, through the present project, in the training of ground

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personnel, particularly in air traffic control, operation, and maintenance of radio and other electronic communications equipment. The development objective of the project is thus to establish a solid basis for, and to help in the development of, a national air transport system with a view to minimizing the negative consequences of the insular situation in which Madagascar finds itself, and of the inadequacy of ground transport facilities. In the long run, the project should contribute to the promotion of balanced economic, social and political development throughout the country.

II. Objectives and activities

3. The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) help to establish at the National Aeronautical and Meteorological School the appropriate conditions and means for the training of Malagache staff in air traffic control and radio maintenance; and (b) help to train and, therefore, improve the levels of proficiency and competence of the Civil Aviation staff and services, particularly as regards air traffic control and radio maintenance.

III. Inputs

4. UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, for the services of two experts as instructors in air traffic control, of whom one will be team leader; an instructor in radio equipment maintenance; and a United Nations volunteer who will be assistant instructor in radio equipment maintenance. The UNDP contribution, which includes preparatory assistance approved in August 1978, also covers the cost of administrative support personnel, individual fellowships, basic training equipment and miscellaneous purchases and services. The Government will provide project personnel, salaries, equipment, land and transportation of locally recruited personnel.

IV. Financial data

5. The expenditure components of the UNDP contributions are as follows:

	Previously approved $	Present approval $	Total approved $
Personnel	68 300	650 300	718 600
Training	-	62 800	62 800
Equipment	15 000	106 000	121 000
Miscellaneous	4 000	12 000	16 000
	87 300	831 100	918 400

6. Of the total amount approved, $61,900 will be for expenditures beyond the current IPF period.

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